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TO: All Federal Departments and Agencies

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Leasing of Telecommunications Services for the U.S. Government and Negotiation of Intergovernmental Agreements for/or Involving Telecommunications Facilities and/or Services

1. PURPOSE

This circular establishes guidelines and promulgates policy for leasing of telecommunications services for the U.S. Government and negotiation of intergovernmental agreements for/or involving telecommunications facilities and/or services.

2. BACKGROUND

a. Existing facility leases and Status of Forces and other intergovernmental agreements, which define conditions of establishment and use of U.S. Government telecommunications services, facilities and installations, in many significant cases prohibit the shared use between U.S. Federal departments and agencies of the services, facilities or installations involved.

b. The attainment of maximum cost-effectiveness in the utilization of telecommunications facilities utilized by the Government dictates that their use should not be restricted to a single U.S. agency where economies can be achieved or flexibility enhanced through shared use. Accordingly, the only constraints designed and built into communications facilities used by the Government should be those imposed for the purpose of meeting validated and approved service needs.

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3. POLICY

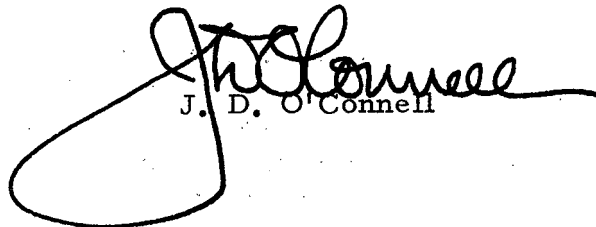
a. In all negotiations for revision of existing service or facility leases, or for new service or facility leases, for or involving communications, every reasonable effort shall be made by the leasing agency to negotiate in the name of the United States Government as lessee and to avoid the inclusion of any condition that might be construed as limiting use of such service, facility or installation to the official needs of any one Federal department or agency or combination of Federal agencies, to the exclusion of other Federal departments and agencies.

b. Except in particular cases where the Secretary of State determines that such action would be inconsistent with foreign policy objectives of the United States, whenever it becomes necessary to renegotiate existing or negotiate new Status of Forces, Base Rights, or other intergovernmental agreements for/or involving U.S. Government telecommunications facilities and/or installations, the host country shall be requested to permit the utilization of the telecommunications services, facilities or installations by any one or combination of United States Government departments or agencies for official purposes.

c. Existing leases or Status of Forces or other pertinent intergovernmental agreements need not be renegotiated for the sole purpose of compliance with this policy.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Circular is effective the date of issuance.


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